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Appl. No. 09/488,728
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:
 Anthony B. Troutt
 Serial No: 09/488,728
 Filed: January 20, 2000
 For: METHOD OF REGULATING NITRIC OXIDE PRODUCTION

Docket No.: 2623-B
 Group Art Unit: 1646
 Examiner: D. Jiang

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION & SUBMISSION

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 Commissioner for Patents
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1. Introductory Comments

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2004 having a due date of July 30, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the RCE and accompanying amendments and reconsideration of the claims. This response is being filed with a request for a three-month extension of time and requisite fees.

Claims 13 and 17 have been amended. Claims 14 and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 15 and 16 have been withdrawn without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled and withdrawn claims in future applications. Lastly, Applicant has added claims 19-28.